

The humble
PETITION
OF THE
LORDS and *COMMONS*
Assembled in
PARLIAMENT;
SENT TO
His Excellence,
ROBERT Earl of *Essex*, to
be presented to
His Majestie.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That
this Petition be forthwith printed and published:

Hen. Elsyng, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

London, Printed for *Edward Husbands* and *John Franck*, and
are to be sold at their Shops, in the Middle Temple,
and next door to the Kings head in Fleet-street.

September 27. 1642.

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OF THE
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PARLIAMENT

IN EXERCISE

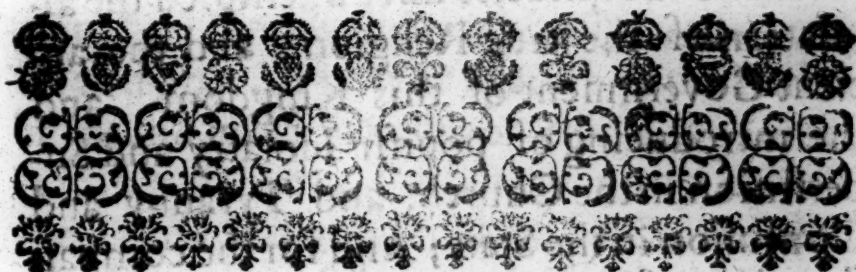
OF THEIR

His Majesty

ORDERED that the Lords and Commons
do give their assent to the said

Bill, and that the same be
enrolled in the High Court of Chancery
in the name of His Majesty

in the year of His Majesty's said Majesty's



To the Kings most Excellent Majesty :
*The humble Petition of the Lords
 and Commons assembled in Parlia-
 ment.*

W E Your Majesties most
 loyall Subjects, the Lords
 and Commons in Parlia-
 ment, cannot without
 great grief and tenderneſſe
 of Compassion, behold
 the preſſing miſeries, the imminent dangers,
 the devouring calamities which do extreme-
 ly threaten, and have partly ſeized upon
 both Your Kingdoms of *England* and *Ire-
 land*, by the practices of a party prevailing
 with Your Maieſty, who by many wicked
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plots and conspiracies have attempted the alteration of the true Religion, and the ancient Government of this Kingdom, and the introducing of popish Idolatry and Superstition in the Church, and Tyranny and Confusion in the State; And for the compassing thereof, have long corrupted Your Majesties Councils, abused Your Power, and by sudden and untimely dissolving of former Parliaments, have often hindered the Reformation and prevention of those mischiefs; And being now disabled to avoid the endeavours of this Parliament by any such means, have trayterously attempted to overawe the same by force; And in prosecution of their wicked designs, have excited, encouraged, and fostered an unnaturall Rebellion in *Ireland*, by which, in a most cruell and outrageous manner, many thousands of Your Majesties subjects there have been destroyed; And by false slanders upon Your Parliament, and malicious and unjust accusations, have endeavoured to begin the like Massacre here: and being through Gods blessing therein disappointed, have, as the most mischiev

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vous and bloody designe of all, drawn your
Majesty to make War against your Parlia-
ment and good subjects of this Kingdome,
leading in your Person an army against
them: and as if you intended by Conquest to
establishe an absolute and illimited Power
over them, and by your Power, and the coun-
tenance of your Presence, have ran-
sack't, spoiled, imprisoned, murdered
divers of your People; and for their bet-
ter assistance in these wicked designs, do
seek to bring over the Rebels of Ireland
and other Forces from beyond the Seas
to joyne with them: And we finding our
selves utterly deprived of your Majesties
Protection, and the Authors, Councillors,
and Abettors of these mischiefs in greatest
power and favour with your Majesty,
and defended by you against the Justice
and Authority of your high Court of Par-
liament, whereby they are grown to that
height and Insolence, as to manifest their
rage and malice against those of the Nobilli-
ty, and others who are any whit inclina-
ble to peace, not without great appearance of
danger.

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danger to your own Royall Person, if you shall not in all things concurre with their wicked and Traiterous courses, Have, for the iust and necessary defence of the Protestant Religion, Of your Maiesties Person, Crown and Dignity, Of the Lawes and Liberties of the Kingdom, and the Priviledge and Power of Parliament, taken up Arms, and appointed and authorized Robert Earl of *Essex* to be Captain Generall of all the Forces by us raised, and to lead and conduct the same against these Rebels and Traytors, and them to subdue, and bring to condigne punishment.

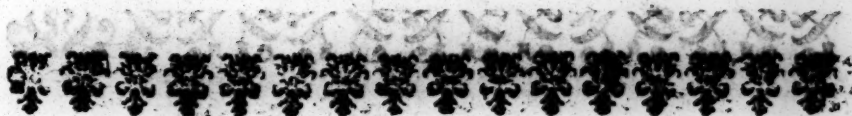
And do most humbly beseech Your Majestie to withdraw Your Royall presence and countenance from these wicked persons; and if they shall stand out in defence of their Rebellious and unlawfull attempts, that your Majestie will leave them to be suppressed by that power which we have sent against them; and that your Majestie will not mixe your own danger with theirs; but in peace and safety without your Forces forthwith return to your Parliament,
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and by their faithfull Councell and Advice,
compose the great distempers and confu-
sions abounding in both your Kingdoms,
and provide for the Security and Honour
of your Self and your Royall Posterity, and
the prosperous estate of all your Subjects:
Wherein if your Majestie please to yield to
our most humble and earnest desires, we
do in the presence of Almighty God pro-
fesse, that we will receive your Majestie
with all honour, yield you all due obe-
dience and subjection, and faithfully en-
deavour to secure your Person and Estate
from all danger, and to the uttermost of
our power to procure and establish to your
Self and to your people, all the blessings of
a glorious and happy Reigne.



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